Cancellation of World Bank Loan for Integrated Horticulture Development Project in Himachal Pradesh

2071. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has cancelled a loan it had sanctioned for the Integrated Horticulture Development Project in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir. No project proposal named 'Integrated Horticulture Development Project in Himachal Pradesh' was even submitted to the World Bank for seeking financial assistance.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Areas covered under NDDB's Operation Flood

2072. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the areas and the districts covered under NDDB's operation flood I, II and III;

(b) what is the total estimated production of milk in these areas and how much of it is lifted by NDDB and its associate agencies;

(c) what are the prices per litre paid to milk producers for cow and buffalo milk respectively by NDDB and its associate agencies in various areas;

(d) whether Government of NDDB plan to provide market support to the surplus milk available in these areas; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) A statement indicating the milkshed and districts covered under Operation Flood I, II and III enclosed (See below);

(b) No separate data of actual milk production in the areas of Operation Flood Programme is available. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) does not procure any milk. However, the dairy cooperatives organised under Operation Flood III programme procured on average about 105.28 lakh kgs. of milk per day during 1992-93.

(c) The average milk procurement price offered by the Cooperative dairies under Operation Flood at all-India level during 1992-93 is approximately Rs. 5.03 per litre for cow milk and Rs. 7.28 per litre for buffalo milk.

(d) and (e) The NDDB through the Operation Flood Programme Finances the rural cooperative dairies to set up marketing facilities for liquid milk and conserved facilities. The National Milk Grid (NMG) set up under the programme also facilitate movement of milk from surplus States to deficit market through rail tankers owned by NDDB and hired out to the Cooperative dairies.

Statement

Milksheds and districts covered under operation flood I, II and III.

Name of the State/UTs	Milkshed	Districts
1	2	3
Jammu & Kashmir . .	1 Srinagar**	Baramulla Srinagar Anantnag